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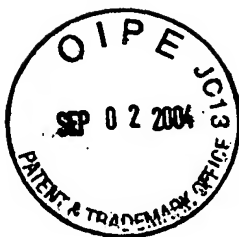
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2004, Applicants elect **Group I, Claims 1, 4-6** for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request a five-month extension of time from April 11, 2004 to and including September 11, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1124.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 10 of this paper.